

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Notice of Public Hearing
Standards and Procedures Relative to Fiscal Disclosure and the Property Tax Cap

The Department of Administration's Office of Municipal Affairs (OMA), which was recently redesignated as the Division of Property Valuation in the Department of Revenue, intends to adopt standards and procedures relative to fiscal disclosure and the property tax as provided for in Section 44-5-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended in 2006. The adopted standards and procedures will be the basis for approval of budget notification by municipalities before public hearing on the municipal budget and will establish the tax levy and tax rate cap for the coming municipal fiscal year. The proposed standards and procedures have been prepared in accordance with Chapter 42-35 of the General Laws of Rhode Island and are consistent with the amended provisions of Chapter 44-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws that a public hearing on the above proposed standards and procedures will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room A of the William E. Powers Building, One Capitol Hill, Smith Street, Providence, Rhode Island at which time and place all persons interested will be heard.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 42-35-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, the Office of Municipal Affairs has considered alternative approaches to the proposed standards and procedures and has determined that there is no alternative approach among the alternatives considered which would be as effective and less burdensome. The Office of Municipal Affairs has determined that the proposed standards and procedures do not overlap or duplicate any other state regulation. In addition, the Office of Municipal Affairs has determined that the proposed standards and procedures will not result in significant adverse economic impact on small business.

Copies of the proposed standards and procedures relating to fiscal disclosure and the property tax cap are available at the Office of Municipal Affairs, One Capitol Hill 4th Floor, Providence, Rhode Island 02908. In addition, the proposed standards and procedures will be posted on OMA's website under the communications tab at www.muni-info.state.ri.us. Additional information may be requested by calling Peder Schaefer at 401-222-7700 or by sending an email request to peders@budget.state.ri.us.

For the sake of accuracy, it is requested that statements made relating to any aspect of the standards and procedures, including alternative approaches, overlap, or significant economic impact, be submitted in writing at the time of the hearing or mailed prior to the hearing date to: Office of Municipal Affairs Attention – Hearing on Fiscal Disclosure and Tax Cap at One Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5097. Oral statements at the hearing will be considered but should be limited to five minutes each.

The William E. Powers Building is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must call (401) 222-6287, (TDD machine only) forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the hearing date.

Signed this 7th day of January, 2007

Peder A. Schaefer, Office of Municipal Affairs, Department of Administration (Division of Property Valuation, Department of Revenue)

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Notice of Public Hearing
**Repeal of Previously Filed Standards and Procedures Relative to Fiscal Disclosure and the
Property Tax Cap**

The Department of Administration's Office of Municipal Affairs (OMA), which was recently redesignated as the Division of Property Valuation in the Department of Revenue, intends to repeal previously filed Procedures and Standards for Property Tax and Fiscal Disclosure for Rhode Island Cities and Towns. These Procedures and Standards had been adopted in 1979, and had last been refiled on December 19, 2001 (ERLID 746).

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws that a public hearing on the above repeal will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. in Conference Room A of the William E. Powers Building, One Capitol Hill, Smith Street, Providence, Rhode Island at which time and place all persons interested will be heard.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 42-35-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, the Office of Municipal Affairs has considered alternative approaches to the repeal of the Procedures and Standards and has determined that there is no alternative approach among the alternatives considered which would be as effective and less burdensome. The Office of Municipal Affairs has determined that the repeal of the Procedures and Standards do not overlap or duplicate any other state regulation. In addition, the Office of Municipal Affairs has determined that the repeal of the Procedures and Standards will not result in significant adverse economic impact on small business.

For the sake of accuracy, it is requested that statements made relating to any aspect of the repeal of the Procedures and Standards, including alternative approaches, overlap, or significant economic impact, be submitted in writing at the time of the hearing or mailed prior to the hearing date to: Office of Municipal Affairs Attention – Hearing (Repeal of Procedures and Standards) at One Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5097. Oral statements at the hearing will be considered but should be limited to five minutes each.

Copies of the Procedures and Standards subject to repeal, are available for public inspection at the Office of Municipal Affairs, at One Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island. In addition, the Procedures and Standards, for which repeal is proposed, are posted on the Secretary of State's Rules and Regulations website under rules and regulations of the Department of Administration and under ERLID Number 746.

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Signed this 7th day of January, 2007

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Notice of Public Hearing

State Mandates

The Department of Administration's Office of Municipal Affairs, which was recently redesignated as the Division of Property Valuation in the Department of Revenue, intends to adopt rules and regulations relative to qualifying state mandates as defined in Section 45-13-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Those adopted rules and regulations will be the basis for reimbursement application by municipalities in accordance with Section 45-13-8 (c) (2) of the Rhode Island General Laws and final determinations by the Department of Administration (Department of Revenue) on qualifying mandates pursuant to Section 45-13-8 (b) of the Rhode Island General Laws. The proposed rules and regulations have been prepared in accordance with Chapters 42-35 of the General Laws of Rhode Island and are consistent with Section 45-13-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, that a public hearing on the above proposed rules and regulations will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 2:00 P.M. in Conference Room A of the William E. Powers Building, One Capitol Hill, Smith Street, Providence, Rhode Island at which time and place all persons interested will be heard.

Pursuant to the requirements of Sections 42-35-3 and 42-35-3.3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, the Office of Municipal Affairs (OMA), Department of Administration (Division of Property Valuation, Department of Revenue), has made certain determinations as to qualifying state mandates. The OMA has determined that the amendments to Section 45-13-7 and 45-13-8, as provided for in Chapter 253 of the Public Laws of 2006, will not be operational for reimbursement application purposes until April of 2008. Comments on this determination are welcome.

The OMA has also reviewed new statutes approved by the General Assembly for the period 1992 to 2006 to determine those which may mandate expenditure of funds by cities and towns pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 45-13-7 and 8 operational during the fiscal spending period ending June 30, 2006 . The OMA will post on its website and make available to interested parties its determination as to which new statutes for the 1992 to 2006 interval are eligible for mandate reimbursement application. The OMA has determined that the proposed rules and regulations will not result in a significant adverse economic impact on small businesses.

Copies of the proposed regulations and eligible reimbursable mandates will be available by February 1, 2007 at the Office of Municipal Affairs, One Capitol Hill 4th Floor, Providence, Rhode Island 02908. The proposed regulations and reimbursement eligible mandates will also be posted on OMA's website under the communications tab at www.muni-info.state.ri.us. Additional information may be requested by calling Peder Schaefer at 401-222-7700 or by sending an email request to peders@budget.state.ri.us.

For the sake of accuracy, it is requested that comments made relating to the OMA determinations and any other comments be submitted in writing at the time of the hearing or mailed prior to the hearing date to the Office of Municipal Affairs, 1 Capitol Hill – 4th Floor, Providence, RI 02908 Attention – State Mandate Hearing. Oral statements at the hearing will be considered, but should be limited to five minutes each.

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Signed this 7th day of January, 2007

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